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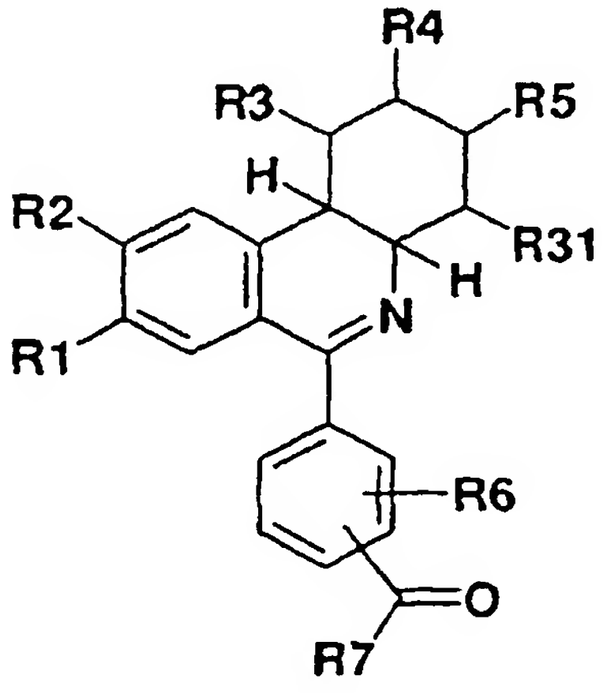


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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) in which R1 is hydroxyl, 1-4C-alkoxy, 3-7C-cycloalkoxy, 3-7C-cycloalkylmethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, or com pletely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, R2 is hydroxyl, 1-4C-alkoxy, 3-7C-cycloalkoxy, 3'7C-cycloalkylmethoxy, 2,2-difluoroethoxy, or com pletely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkoxy, or in which R1 and R2 together are a 1-2C-alkylenedioxy group, R3 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, R31 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, either, in a first embodiment (embodiment a) according to the present invention, R4 is -0-R41, in which R41 is hydrogen, 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-7C-alkylcarbonyl, or com pletely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkyl. and R5 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, or, in a second embodiment (embodiment b) according to the present invention, R4 is hydrogen or 1-4C-alkyl, and R5 is -0-R51, in which R51 is hydrogen, 1-4C-alkyl, 1-4C-alkoxy-1-4C-alkyl, hydroxy-2-4C-alkyl, 1-7C-alkylcarbonyt, or com pletely or predominantly fluorine-substituted 1-4C-alkyl, R6 is hydrogen, halogen, 1-4C-alkyl or 1-4C-alkoxy, either, in a first aspect (aspect 1) according to the present invention, R7 is -N(R8)R9, or, in a second aspect (aspect 2) according to the present invention, R7 is -NH-N(R18)R19, are novel effective PDE4 inhibitors.

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